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"THIS WAS A MAN"

A Eulogy of Lincoln

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General George Pickett, a fighting Confederate commander, was to remember all the days of his life that third afternoon at Gettysburg when he led his long, gray lines against the Union barricades on Cemetery Ridge in the bloodiest assault of the war. At that time, he was not alone that afternoon at

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She replied that George wasn't and wouldn't be for some time but might she ask in turn who the visitor was. The tall man in the frock coat, stove-pipe hat in hand, said simply, "Just an old friend of George's man; just an old friend from before the war." With that he turned and stepped out into the sunlight and walked slowly down that Richmond street, leaving Mrs. Pickett to the startled realization that the President of the United States had come to call.

The President of the United States. Abraham Lincoln was that, of course he was, but really a great deal more, too. For this was a man of many parts, all of them human and most of them great.



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